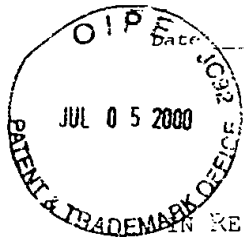


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF:

William Lo

SERIAL No.: 09/583,316

FILED: May 30, 2000

FOR: REDUCED PIN GIGABIT MEDIA
INDEPENDENT INTERFACE

EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned

ART UNIT: Not Yet Assigned

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 95 and 96 as follows:

95. (Amended) A network device, comprising:

a clock transmitter to transmit a first clock signal;

an encoder to form a transmit control signal comprising in one half of a cycle of the first clock signal a transmit enable signal and comprising in the other half of the cycle of the first clock signal a transmit error signal;

a control signal transmitter to transmit the transmit control signal encoded by the encoder;

a data signal transmitter to transmit a first data signal;

a clock receiver to receive a second clock signal;

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:
 - ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
 - ☒ A check for \$672.00 to cover new claim fees
2. Entity Status
 - ☒ Small Entity Status (37 CFR \$1.9 and \$1.27) has been established by a previously submitted Small Entity Statement.
3. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:

An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if necessary for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures.
4. Provisional Fee Authorization

Please charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 04-0531.

Respectfully submitted,

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